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SUBJECT: FRENCH TRADE WITH USSR IN 1977

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1. AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED, FRENCH TRADE WITH THE USSR IS FLOURISHING IN 1977, MUCH IN CONTRAST TO THE REPORTS WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING FROM OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE FRG.

2. FRENCH EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED US WITH STATISTICS COVERING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1977 WHICH BEAR THIS OUT. FRENCH EXPORTS ROSE 44 PERCENT FROM 1,169.5 MILLION FRANCS IN 1976 TO 1,688.2 MILLION IN 1977. SOVIET EXPORTS DECLINED SLIGHTLY (3.8 PERCENT) FROM 1,080.2 MILLION FRANCS TO 1,041.4 MILLION IN 1977. THE POSITIVE FRENCH BALANCE OF 646.8 MILLION FRANCS THIS YEAR COMPARES TO ONLY 89.3 MILLION FOR THE COMPARABLE PERIOD OF 1976.

3. FRENCH EMBASSY COUNSELOR LABADIE HAS ATTRIBUTED THIS TO THE RASH OF AGREEMENTS SIGNED LATE IN 1976 AND VOLUNTEERED THE COMMENT THAT THINGS ARE TOO GOOD TO KEEP GOING AT THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RATE. FRENCH TEXTILE SALES TO THE USSR HAVE BEEN DOWN AND THAT SUBJECT WILL BE RAISED WITH SOVIETS. SALES OF LARGE DIAMETER PIPE ARE ALSO DOWN.

LABADIE HAS TOLD US, HOWEVER, THE FRENCH EXPECT CONTRACTS VALUED AT 6.8 BILLION FRANCS TO BE SIGNED THIS YEAR.

4. CONCERNING HIS OWN PET INTEREST IN PUSHING FRENCH PURCHASE OF SOVIET, VICE MIDDLE EASTERN OIL, LABADIE REPORTS THAT HIS "PREACHING" HAS MET STRONG DOMESTIC OPPOSITION, INCLUDING BP FRANCE. BP HAS PURCHASED A SMALL AMOUNT OF SOVIET OIL, ACCORDING TO LABADIE, AT SOMETHING LESS THAN THE FULL OPEC PRICE, BUT PRICES MUST BE NEGOTIATED EVERY THREE MONTHS.

5. SOVIET DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE KOMAROV IS TO BEGIN THREE-DAY VISIT TO PARIS TODAY TO REVIEW ALL INDUSTRIAL PLANS IN THE GENERAL AGREEMENT.
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